

## ***REMARKS***

### ***Introduction***

Applicant is appreciative of the opportunity afforded by Examiner Baxter to discuss this application and the October 1, 2004 office action. Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments and the cancellation of claims 24-37 are consistent with the discussions between Examiner Baxter and the attorney for Applicant.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claims 4, 5, 12, and 14-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As presented above, applicant has amended claims 4, 5, 12, and 14 to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112 concerns as to Claims 4, 5, 12, and 14-23. Claims 24-37 have been canceled.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 14-16, 18-21, 24-28, 30-33, and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 1, 439,719 to Whipple in view of U.S. Patent No. 582,333 to Wright. As presented above, applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 14 to clarify the structure of the apparatus claimed in these claims, thereby clearly claiming an apparatus which is not rendered obvious by Whipple in view of Wright. The amendments to independent Claim 1 obviate the rejections of dependent claims 2-4, 6-9 and 12. Likewise, the amendments to independent Claim 14 obviate the rejections of dependent claims 15-16 and 18-21. Claims 24-28, 30-33, and 36 have been canceled.

Claims 10, 11, 22, 23, 34, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

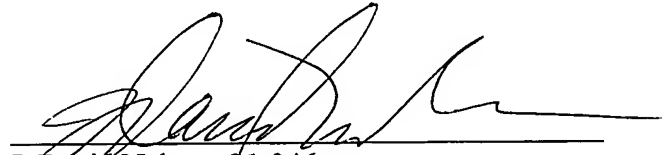
unpatentable over Whipple in view of Wright as applied to Claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 14-16, 18-21, 24-28, 30-33, and 36, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,083,663 to Conway. The amendments to independent Claim 1 obviate the rejections of dependent claims 10 and 11. Likewise the amendments to independent Claim 14 obviate the rejections of dependent claims 22 and 23. Claims 34 and 35 have been canceled.

Claims 13 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whipple in view of Wright as applied to Claims 1 and 24, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,652,647 to Suci. The amendments to independent Claim 1 obviate the rejections of dependent claim 13. Claim 37 has been canceled.

***Conclusion***

In consideration of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-23 are now in condition for allowance.

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